

## Newest Security Adviser for New Mexico

Gov. Bill Richardson named Brig. Gen. Annette Sobel to be New Mexico's Homeland Security Advisor.

Sobel replaces R.L. Stockard.

Sobel's background includes chemical and biological warfare analyst, authority on weapons of mass destruction, and a medical flight surgeon among others.

She will be responsible for security issues for New Mexico and will oversee the Homeland Security Advisory Committee to include members representing more than 10 state and local government agencies.

Sobel is one of seven Joint Staff members at the National Guard Bureau.



**Brig. Gen. Annette Sobel**

## 150th Civil Engineers make a difference

**Master Sgt Gary Faerber**  
First Sergeant, 150th CES

On April 26th 2003 eleven members of the 150th CES deployed to Deming, NM to assist with Task Force Lobo. The National Guard has been tasked with building a barrier between the US and Mexico that will stop vehicle traffic. This project which is estimated to last 3 years will use National Guard members and Reservist from around

the country to build segments of the barrier. Task Force Lobo will consist of that border which is in the State of New Mexico.

When the 150th arrived on scene they were tasked with building the barrier and remodeling the Deming Armory so that it may house Guardsmen on future deployments. These CE troops received hands-on training in welding, HVAC, plumbing, ma-

sonry, and heavy equipment operation. They worked side by side with the Army National guard and with the US Border Patrol. At the completion of the 2-week training the remodeling project was well underway and 500 feet of barrier near Columbus New Mexico had been built. Everyone found it interesting that Columbus is where Pancho Villa had crossed the border many years ago.



**TSgts Tyrone Chambers and Daniel Pohl, heavy equipment operators for the 150th Civil Engineers Squadron, dig to lay new utility lines for a new kitchen in the armory at Deming, NM.**